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2009-2010 NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll Results

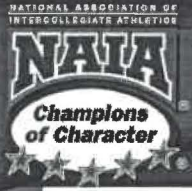
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Hastings Closes Out as No. 1 in Final NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll

The Broncos were the unanimous top-ranked team for the final three polls

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Cross Country - M
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Football
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Feb. 22, 2010

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Hastings (Neb.) earned the final No. 1 ranking of the 2009-10 season in the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll, the NAIA announced Monday. The Broncos earned all 16 possible first-place votes and 436 points to spend a third consecutive week as the unanimous team on top of the poll. Davenport (Mich.) remained at No. 2, while Northwestern (Iowa) and Black Hills State (S.D.) each bumped up one spot to third and fourth, respectively. Cedarville (Ohio) slipped back to fifth.

Sixteen Division II Women's Basketball Conference Tournaments are slated to get underway this week and all of the action can be tracked by clicking [here](#). The field for the Division II Women's Basketball National Championship will be announced on March 2. The bracket will be announced live through College Fanz Sports Network on March 3 starting at 3:30 p.m. CST. The exclusive and free video streaming broadcast can be viewed at www.collegefanz.com.

Taylor is the lone addition to the final poll, checking in at No. 25 after receiving votes for five weeks. The Trojans were ranked as high as 10th for two weeks earlier in the season, but fell out of the Top 25. Taylor replaces fellow Mid-Central College Conference member Bethel (Ind.), previously ranked 24th. The Trojans' 81-70 win over Bethel on Feb. 17 warranted the swap in the poll. Despite there only being one newcomer to the poll, only five teams were able to hold on to their previous ranking.

The Great Plains Athletic Conference opened the 2009-10 season with four ranked teams and closes out with five listed among the Top 25. The final poll marks the fifth time in 10 regular season polls issued, that the GPAC has landed five ranked squads. Representing the GPAC are Hastings, Northwestern, No. 8 (tied) Briar Cliff (Iowa), No. 11 Morningside (Iowa) and No. 21 Concordia (Neb.).

The Mid-Central College Conference boasts four ranked teams in No. 7 Indiana Wesleyan, No. 12 Saint Francis (Ind.), No. 18 Huntington (Ind.) and Taylor.

Top-ranked Hastings (27-3, 17-1 GPAC) has already secured a spot in the Division II Women's Basketball National Championship after claiming the regular season GPAC crown. The Broncos will enter postseason action as the top-seed in the GPAC Tournament and receive a first-round bye. Quarterfinal play on Thursday will see Hastings face the winner of a Tuesday matchup between eighth-seeded Sioux Falls (S.D.) and ninth-seeded Doane (Neb.). Currently riding a six-game winning streak dating back to Feb. 3, the Broncos have only allowed one opponent to score 70 points. There were also a pair of games during that stretch in which Hastings won by 10-or fewer points to avoid being upset.

For a fourth consecutive week, Davenport sits at No. 2 with 422 points. The Lady Panthers closed out regular season action by getting revenge against Cornerstone (Mich.), 69-50. With the win, Davenport pushed its record to 27-2, 13-1 WHAC and completed a perfect season on its home court (12-0). Winners of the regular-season title, the Lady Panthers will begin their mission of taking home the WHAC Tournament crown on Thursday by playing host to eighth-seeded Michigan-Dearborn. Davenport has won six games in-a-row and has been awarded the top-seed in the tournament.

Northwestern (24-4, 15-3 GPAC) moved to third in the poll with 408 points. After suffering an 83-70 setback to Hastings on Feb. 13, the Red Raiders responded by dismantling Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.) and Sioux Falls by 53 and 21 points, respectively. Against Dakota Wesleyan, Northwestern reached the century mark for the fourth time this season, pouring in 102 points. The Red Raiders have been awarded the No. 2 seed in the GPAC Tournament, and like Hastings, will receive a first-round bye. Northwestern will take to the court on Thursday against the winner of a Tuesday contest between 10th-seeded Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.) and seventh-seeded Mount Marty (S.D.).

Black Hills State (23-5, 12-2 DAC) has obtained its highest ranking of the season, moving into the No. 4 spot with 309 points. The Yellow Jackets have defeated their opponents by double figures on six occasions during their current 12-game winning streak. Black Hills State prevailed in two tight games last week, defeating then-No. 13 Minot State (N.D.) 82-78, and Dickinson State (N.D.) 66-63. With its 12-2 Dakota Athletic Conference record, Black Hills State has been tabbed as the No. 1 seed in the DAC Tournament and will welcome eighth-seeded Mayville State (N.D.) on Wednesday in quarterfinal action.

Cedarville's 18-game winning streak came to a screeching halt last week as then-ninth ranked Shawnee State (Ohio) took down the Yellow Jackets 76-54 on Feb. 20 in both team's regular-season finales. Cedarville was held to 21-of-61 shooting (.313) from the floor and a dismal 3-of-21 from downtown (.143). Despite its showing against the Bears, Cedarville had already secured a spot in the Division II Women's Basketball National Championship as the regular season winners of the American Midwest Conference. The Yellow Jackets, seeded No. 1 in the AMC Tournament, will have until Saturday to regroup before welcoming Tuesday's quarterfinal winner between fifth-seeded Mount Vernon Nazarene (Ohio) and fourth-seeded Daemen (N.Y.).

The poll was voted upon by a panel of head coaches representing each of the conferences.

| RANK | LAST WEEK | SCHOOL (1 ST PLACE VOTES) | RECORD | TOTAL POINTS |
|------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------|--------------|
| 1 | 1 | Hastings College (Neb.) (16) | 27-3 | 436 |
| 2 | 2 | Davenport University (Mich.) | 27-2 | 422 |
| 3 | 4 | Northwestern College (Iowa) | 24-4 | 408 |
| 4 | 5 | Black Hills State University (S.D.) | 23-5 | 390 |
| 5 | 3 | Cedarville University (Ohio) | 26-4 | 378 |
| 6 | 6 | College of the Ozarks (Mo.) | 25-4 | 363 |
| 7 | 8 | Indiana Wesleyan University | 25-5 | 358 |
| 8 | 9 | Shawnee State University (Ohio) | 24-5 | 330 |
| 8 | 7 | Briar Cliff University (Iowa) | 24-6 | 330 |
| 10 | 10 | Jamestown College (N.D.) | 22-6 | 309 |
| 11 | 11 | Morningside College (Iowa) | 19-10 | 296 |
| 12 | 12 | University of Saint Francis (Ind.) | 20-10 | 277 |
| 13 | 14 | Iowa Wesleyan College | 22-7 | 265 |



Taylor moves back into the Top 25 after receiving votes in the last five polls

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| 14 | 15 | Sterling College (Kan.) | 23-4 | 255 |
| 15 | 13 | Minot State University (N.D.) | 21-7 | 251 |
| 16 | 16 | Cardinal Stritch University (Wis.) | 26-2 | 226 |
| 17 | 18 | Grand View University (Iowa) | 23-7 | 207 |
| 18 | 17 | Huntington University (Ind.) | 20-8 | 196 |
| 19 | 20 | Kansas Wesleyan University | 21-6 | 174 |
| 20 | 19 | College of Idaho | 18-7 | 155 |
| 21 | 22 | Concordia University (Neb.) | 20-9 | 149 |
| 22 | 21 | Haskell Indian Nations University (Kan.) | 20-7 | 122 |
| 23 | 25 | Holy Names University (Calif.) | 21-9 | 109 |
| 24 | 23 | Walsh University (Ohio) | 21-9 | 84 |
| 25 | RV | Taylor University (Ind.) | 17-10 | 78 |

Others receiving votes: Aquinas College (Mich.) 67; Northwood University (Fla.) 52; Union College (Ky.) 40; Bethel College (Ind.) 39; Milligan College (Tenn.) 33; Indiana University Southeast 30; Southwestern College (Kan.) 17; Mount Mercy College (Iowa) 14; Dickinson State University (N.D.) 9; Warner Pacific College (Ore.) 7; Concordia University (Mich.) 4; Saint Ambrose University (Iowa) 4; Marian University (Ind.) 3; Mount Vernon Nazarene University (Ohio) 1; Saint Thomas University (Fla.) 1; Northwest University (Wash.) 1; Peru State College (Neb.) 1; Florida Memorial University 1; Bluefield College (Va.) 1; Dordt College (Iowa) 1.



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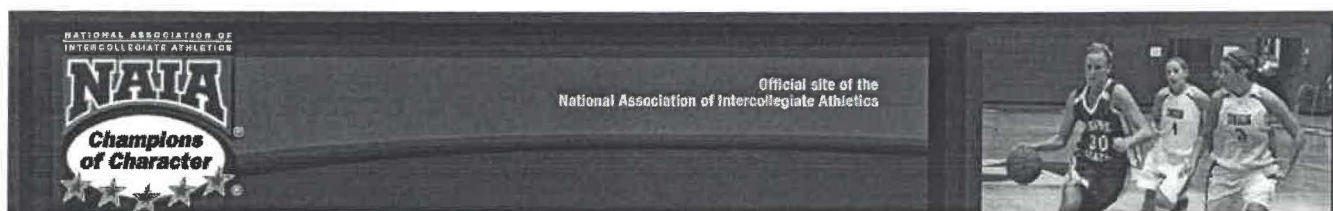
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DII Women's Basketball

Thirteen Teams Shuffle in Ninth Edition of NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll

Holy Names (Calif.) earns first national ranking of 2009-10 season

Feb. 15, 2010

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Despite having 13 teams shuffle rank, including half of the top 10, Hastings (Neb.) remains at No. 1 in the ninth installment of the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll, the NAIA announced Monday. The Broncos were awarded all 15 possible first-place votes for 405 points. Davenport (Mich.) held on to the No. 2 spot with 391 points, followed by No. 3 Cedarville (Ohio) and Northwestern (Iowa) with 378 and 367 points, respectively. Black Hills State (S.D.) moves into the top-five this week with 349 points. The 10th and final poll of the season will be announced on Feb. 22.

A pair of teams move into the Top 25, one making its first appearance of the 2009-10 season and the other returning to the poll. Holy Names (Calif.) is making its first appearance in the poll this season, checking in at No. 25. After earning a preseason No. 8 ranking, eventually falling out of the poll and spending three weeks receiving votes, Bethel (Ind.) is once again ranked, this week at No. 24. The duo replaces Cornerstone (Mich.) and Marian (Ind.), ranked 23rd and 24th, respectively, a week ago.

The Great Plains Athletic Conference continues to hold dominance over the poll with five teams listed. This marks the fourth national ranking in which the GPAC has had five ranked squads. Not only that, but the GPAC is the only conference this season to have five ranked clubs. Hastings, Northwestern, No. 7 Briar Cliff (Iowa), No. 11 Morningside (Iowa) and No. 22 Concordia (Neb.) represent the league.

The Mid-Central College Conference has four ranked squads in No. 8 Indiana Wesleyan, No. 11 Saint Francis (Ind.), No. 17 Huntington (Ind.) and No. 24 Bethel (Ind.).

Top-ranked Hastings again prevailed against a top-five opponent, defeating fourth-ranked Northwestern 83-70 on Feb. 13 to improve to 25-3, 15-1 GPAC. The win clinched the Broncos second outright and third overall regular-season league crown and earned them an automatic berth into the State-Farm NAIA Division II Women's Basketball National Championship in Sioux City, Iowa, March 10-16 at the Tyson Events Center. Hastings still has two regular season games remaining, playing at Dana (Neb.) on Tuesday and Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.) on Saturday, before the conference tournament gets underway Feb. 23.

Davenport had the power of four on Feb. 13. The Lady Panthers captured their fourth regular-season Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title with a 10-point, 71-61 victory over Aquinas (Mich.) on Feb. 13. The win, the fourth straight, pushed the Lady Panthers to 25-2, 11-1. Junior guard Kristi Boehm also set the single-season steals record of 112 with four during the game. Davenport has two games remaining before postseason play gets underway at the WHAC tournament on Feb. 25. The Lady Panthers will play host to Indiana Tech on Wednesday and will look to avenge a Jan. 27 loss (65-54) to Cornerstone (Mich.) on Saturday at home.

The winners of 16 straight games, Cedarville owns the top spot in the American Midwest Conference with a 24-3, 15-1 record. Last week in a clash of top-10 teams, the Lady Jackets prevailed over league foe and then-No. 7 Shawnee State (Ohio) 82-71. Cedarville, the country's best from the charity stripe at 78.3 percent, made 20-of-22 free throws in the second half and was 23-of-26 for the game to secure the win. The Lady Jackets followed up with a 78-55 win over Mount Vernon Nazarene (Ohio) on Feb. 13. Three games are on the docket this week to close out the regular season. The home finale is on Tuesday against Northwestern Ohio, followed by a pair of road games at Ursuline (Ohio) on Thursday and Shawnee State on Saturday.

Even though Northwestern came up short, 83-70, to No. 1 Hastings on Feb. 13, the Red Raiders held on to their No. 4 ranking for a second week. The loss dropped Northwestern's record to 22-4, 13-3 GPAC and is second in the league standings. Prior to the Hastings loss, the Red Raiders avenged an 81-75 loss on Dec. 9 to Morningside with an 87-83 victory on Feb. 10. Becca Hurley scored a season-high 31 points, including the final four points of the game in the win. A two-game home stand closes out the regular season for the Red Raiders, playing host to Dakota Wesleyan on Wednesday and Sioux Falls (S.D.) on Saturday. Northwestern has won both previous meetings, winning by 27 and 12 points, respectively.

Black Hills State (21-5, 10-2 DAC) climbs into the top five for the first time this season while riding a 10-game winning streak. The Yellow Jackets are averaging 75.4 ppg during the streak, while limiting opponents to 59.5 ppg and beating four foes by 20-or more points. The largest margin of victory was a 32-point difference against Mayville State (N.D.). With a 10-2 Dakota Athletic Conference mark, the Yellow Jackets own the top-spot in the league with just two games remaining. Black Hills State will close out the regular season at home against No. 13 Minot State (N.D.) on Friday, followed by a Saturday contest against Dickinson State (N.D.). The DAC tournament opens Feb. 24.

The poll was voted upon by a panel of head coaches representing each of the conferences.



Black Hills State (S.D.) obtained its highest ranking of the season this week at No. 5

FALL SPORTS

Cross Country - M
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Football
Soccer - M
Soccer - W
Volleyball

WINTER SPORTS

Basketball - DI M
Basketball - DI W
Basketball - DII M
Basketball - DII W
Swimming & Diving - M
Swimming & Diving - W
Indoor Track & Field - M
Indoor Track & Field - W
Wrestling

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball
Golf - M
Golf - W
Softball
Tennis - M
Tennis - W
Outdoor Track & Field - M
Outdoor Track & Field - W

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| 8 | 9 | Indiana Wesleyan University | 23-5 | 321 |
| 9 | 8 | Shawnee State University (Ohio) | 20-5 | 298 |
| 10 | 10 | Jamestown College (N.D.) | 20-6 | 288 |
| 11 | 12 | Morningside College (Iowa) | 17-10 | 254 |
| 12 | 11 | University of Saint Francis (Ind.) | 17-10 | 253 |
| 13 | 13 | Minot State University (N.D.) | 19-6 | 251 |
| 14 | 14 | Iowa Wesleyan College | 21-7 | 249 |
| 15 | 15 | Sterling College (Kan.) | 21-4 | 242 |
| 16 | 17 | Cardinal Stritch University (Wis.) | 25-2 | 205 |
| 17 | 18 | Huntington University (Ind.) | 19-7 | 193 |
| 18 | 19 | Grand View University (Iowa) | 22-7 | 177 |

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| 19 | 16 | College of Idaho | 17-6 | 163 |
| 20 | 20 | Kansas Wesleyan University | 19-6 | 145 |
| 21 | 21 | Haskell Indian Nations University (Kan.) | 19-6 | 142 |
| 22 | 25 | Concordia University (Neb.) | 19-9 | 121 |
| 23 | 24 | Walsh University (Ohio) | 20-8 | 95 |
| 24 | RV | Bethel College (Ind.) | 19-9 | 87 |
| 25 | RV | Holy Names University (Calif.) | 18-10 | 74 |

Others receiving votes: Aquinas College (Mich.) 67; Northwood University (Fla.) 60; Mount Marty College (S.D.) 41; Milligan College (Tenn.) 37; Southwestern College (Kan.) 22; Taylor University (Ind.) 16; Mount Mercy College (Iowa) 10; Mount Vernon Nazarene University (Ohio) 9; Indiana University Southeast 8; Cornerstone University (Mich.) 7; Dickinson State University (N.D.) 6; Warner Pacific College (Ore.) 5; Ohio Dominican University 5; Saint Ambrose University (Iowa) 3; Saint Thomas University (Fla.) 1; Union College (Ky.) 1; Peru State College (Neb.) 1; Florida Memorial University 1; Eastern Oregon University 1; Bethel College (Kan.) 1; Bluefield College (Va.) 1; Marian University (Ind.) 1.



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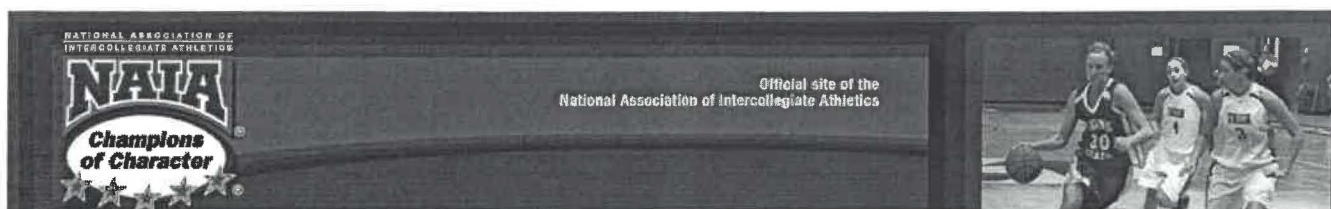
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Top-Three Teams Retain Ranking in Eighth NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll

Concordia (Neb.) rejoins Top 25 to give GPAC five ranked teams

Feb. 8, 2010

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - The top-three teams retained their ranking for a second consecutive week in the eighth installment of the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll, the NAIA announced Monday. No. 1 Hastings (Neb.) collected all 16-possible first-place votes, followed by second-ranked Davenport (Mich.) and third-ranked Cedarville (Ohio). Northwestern (Iowa) leapfrogged conference foe Briar Cliff (Iowa) to take over at No. 4, while the Chargers drop back to No. 5.

Concordia (Neb.) is the only new addition to this week's poll, checking in at No. 25. The Bulldogs last appeared among the Top 25 in the second poll of the regular season on Dec. 7. Concordia replaces last week's No. 25 Aquinas (Mich.).

With the addition of the Bulldogs, the Great Plains Athletic Conference regains its hold among the Top 25 with five teams earning national recognition, including three of the top five: No. 1 Hastings, No. 4 Northwestern, No. 5 Briar Cliff, No. 12 Morningside (Iowa) and No. 25 Concordia. It is the third time this season that the GPAC has had five nationally-ranked teams.

The Mid-Central College Conference has four ranked squads in No. 9 Indiana Wesleyan, No. 11 Saint Francis (Ind.) No. 18 Huntington (Ind.) and No. 24 Marian (Ind.).

Hastings (23-3, 13-1 GPAC) solidified its spot at the top of the poll over the weekend with a 70-64 win over then-No. 4 Briar Cliff. The win did not come easily, as the Broncos had to overcome a 10-point halftime deficit in order to secure its 23rd win of the season. With its 13-1 league mark, Hastings is currently in control of the conference race with three games remaining on the schedule. Next the Broncos will play host to Doane (Neb.) on Wednesday, followed by a showdown with No. 4 Northwestern on Saturday in Hastings.

After its worst offensive showing of the season in a Jan. 27 loss to Cornerstone, No. 2 Davenport found its high-octane offensive rhythm in two wins last week. The Lady Panthers posted 90-plus points in both contests, defeating Michigan-Dearborn 92-64 and Madonna (Mich.) 90-75. With the pair of victories, Davenport moved to 23-2, 9-1 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. The 9-1 mark is the best among the WHAC with four games to go. The nation's top-scoring offense (89.3 ppg) will hit the road on Wednesday, playing at Siena Heights (Mich.) and return home on Sunday to face Aquinas.

Cedarville ran its current winning-streak to 14 games by dismantling Wilberforce (Ohio) and Notre Dame (Ohio) by over 20 points last week. Leading the way for the Lady Jackets was the play of Aubrey Siemon, who registered 20-plus points in both games. At 22-3, 13-1, Cedarville has not lost since Dec. 17 and is in charge of the American Midwest Conference standings with five games left on the schedule. Among those is a collision with No. 7 Shawnee State (Ohio) on Thursday in Cedarville. The Lady Jackets will also take on Mount Vernon Nazarene (Ohio) Saturday.

Northwestern recorded 398 points and moves up one spot this week following Briar Cliff's loss to Hastings on Feb. 6. The Red Raiders, currently second in the GPAC with a 21-3, 12-2 record, squeaked past Mount Marty (S.D.) 67-60 and trounced Dana (Neb.) 91-48 last week in conference play. A tough week awaits Northwestern. The Red Raiders will welcome defending national champion Morningside to Orange City, Iowa, on Wednesday and then hit the road for a Saturday showdown at Hastings. Wednesday's game with the Mustangs will be the second meeting of the season between the two teams, with Morningside taking the Dec. 9 meeting, 81-75.

A nine-game winning-streak came to a halt for Briar Cliff, in a 70-64 road loss to Hastings on Feb. 6. Suffering just its fourth loss of the season (22-4, 11-3 GPAC), the Chargers were pushed back into the No. 5 spot in the poll. Liz Grider, the nation's leading scorer, was limited to just four points in the first half despite the Chargers holding a 10-point advantage at halftime. Grider was able to find her game in the second half and finished with a team-high 18 points. Briar Cliff will look to get back to its winning ways, while also looking to avenge an early season loss (77-68) to Sioux Falls (S.D.) on Wednesday in Sioux City, Iowa. Doane is also set to visit on Saturday.

The poll was voted upon by a panel of head coaches representing each of the conferences. The next poll will be announced on Feb. 15.



Northwestern (Iowa) improves one spot this week to No. 4

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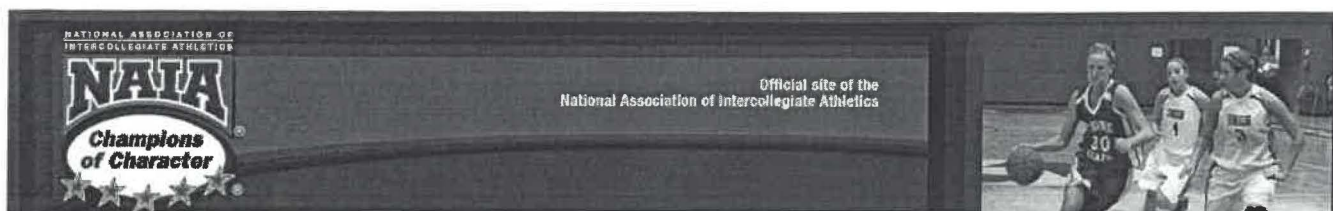
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Hastings (Neb.) took over the top spot in the seventh edition of NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll, the NAIA announced Monday. The Broncos are the fourth team this season to own the No. 1 ranking after earning six first-place votes and 394 points. Davenport (Mich.) drops one spot to No. 2 and also receiving three first-place votes. Cedarville (Ohio) remains third despite six first-place nods, followed by fourth-ranked Briar Cliff (Iowa) and fifth-ranked Northwestern (Iowa).

Two teams jump into the Top 25 this week in No. 20 Cornerstone (Mich.) and No. 21 Grand View (Iowa). The Golden Eagles enter the poll for the first time this season after taking down then-No. 1 Davenport 65-54 on Jan. 27. The Vikings, who have been ranked as high as 16th this season, return to the poll after a two-week absence. Falling out of the poll are Saint Ambrose (Iowa) and Milligan (Tenn.), who were ranked 17th and 25th, respectively.

The Great Plains Athletic Conference and the Mid-Central College Conference each have four teams garnering national recognition. Ranked GPAC teams include No. 1 Hastings, No. 4 Briar Cliff, No. 5 Northwestern and No. 12 Morningside (Iowa). Representing the MCCC are No. 6 Indiana Wesleyan, No. 11 Saints Francis (Ind.), No. 18 Huntington (Ind.) and No. 23 Marian (Ind.).

Despite suffering an 80-72 loss at the hands of Morningside on Jan. 30, Hastings moves into the No. 1 spot for the first time this season. The loss ended the Broncos' 17-game winning streak. With a record of 21-3, 11-1 GPAC, Hastings is also at the top of the league standings. Prior to the Morningside loss, Hastings cruised to 75-44 road win over Midland Lutheran (Neb.). The road swing continues for Hastings with Wednesday's game at Concordia (Neb.) and the Broncos will return home Saturday to play host to Briar Cliff.

Like Hastings, Davenport was beat while playing on the road, as the Lady Panthers were taken down by then-unranked Cornerstone, 65-54, on Jan. 27. The 54 points scored by Davenport were the lowest of the season and 36 below its season average of 90.7. The Lady Panthers finished just 34 percent from the field, while allowing 14 offensive rebounds. The loss also ended a 21-game winning streak for Davenport, who's record is now 21-2, 7-1 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. A pair of league contests awaits the Lady Panthers this week, playing host to Michigan Dearborn on Wednesday, followed by Madonna (Mich.) on Saturday.

Cedarville improved its record to 20-3, 11-1 American Midwest Conference last week after picking up three wins, two of which were on the road, to maintain its No. 3 ranking. The Lady Jackets defeated then-No. 20 Walsh (Ohio) 83-56, Northwestern Ohio 84-74 and Point Park (Pa.) 51-47 to run its current winning streak to 12 games. The 51-point showing against Point Park was the lowest offensive output by Cedarville this season. The Lady Jackets are off this week and will return to the court on Feb. 9 at Ursuline (Ohio).

Briar Cliff (21-3, 10-2 GPAC) is spending a second week at No. 4 following a pair of GPAC victories last week in which the Chargers defeated their opponents by an average of 42.5 points. Playing at home against Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.) on Jan. 27, Briar Cliff poured in 92 points while limiting the Tigers to just 55 points. The Chargers then dominated Nebraska Wesleyan 84-36 on Jan. 30. Briar Cliff's defense forced the Prairie Wolves into 37 turnovers, turning that into 39 points. Hitting the road this week, the Chargers will head to Dordt (Iowa) on Wednesday, followed by a showdown at No. 1 Hastings on Saturday.

Northwestern retains its No. 5 ranking after winning its lone game last week, a 76-59 win at Dordt, to improve its record to 19-3, 10-2 GPAC. The Red Raiders only have one game again this week, welcoming Mount Marty (S.D.) to Orange City, Iowa, on Wednesday.

The poll was voted upon by a panel of head coaches representing each of the conferences. The next poll will be announced on Feb. 8.



Hastings (Neb.) moves into the No. 1 spot for the first time this season

| RANK | LAST WEEK | SCHOOL (1 ST PLACE VOTES) | RECORD | TOTAL POINTS |
|------|-----------|--|--------|--------------|
| 1 | 2 | Hastings College (Neb.) (6) | 21-3 | 394 |
| 2 | 1 | Davenport University (Mich.) (3) | 21-2 | 389 |
| 3 | 3 | Cedarville University (Ohio) (6) | 20-3 | 383 |
| 4 | 4 | Briar Cliff University (Iowa) | 21-3 | 366 |
| 5 | 5 | Northwestern College (Iowa) | 19-3 | 356 |
| 6 | 7 | Indiana Wesleyan University | 20-4 | 345 |
| 7 | 6 | Jamestown College (N.D.) | 18-5 | 320 |
| 8 | 8 | Shawnee State University (Ohio) | 17-4 | 317 |
| 9 | 9 | College of the Ozarks (Mo.) | 17-4 | 301 |
| 10 | 10 | Black Hills State University (S.D.) | 17-5 | 292 |
| 11 | 14 | University of Saint Francis (Ind.) | 15-9 | 257 |
| 12 | 13 | Morningside College (Iowa) | 15-9 | 253 |
| 13 | 12 | Minot State University (N.D.) | 16-6 | 249 |
| 14 | 15 | Iowa Wesleyan College | 17-7 | 239 |
| 15 | 11 | Sterling College (Kan.) | 17-4 | 237 |
| 16 | 18 | College of Idaho | 15-5 | 196 |
| 17 | 19 | Cardinal Stritch University (Wis.) | 21-2 | 187 |
| 18 | 23 | Huntington University (Ind.) | 16-6 | 179 |
| 19 | 22 | Haskell Indian Nations University (Kan.) | 17-4 | 157 |
| 20 | RV | Cornerstone University (Mich.) | 13-10 | 144 |
| 21 | RV | Grand View University (Iowa) | 19-6 | 139 |
| 22 | 21 | Kansas Wesleyan University | 16-5 | 110 |

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| 23 | 24 | Marian University (Ind.) | 15-9 | 105 |
| 24 | 20 | Walsh University (Ohio) | 16-7 | 101 |
| 25 | 17 | Aquinas College (Mich.) | 16-7 | 67 |

Others receiving votes: Bethel College (Ind.) 66; Concordia University (Neb.) 41; Valley City State University (N.D.) 39; University of Virginia's College at Wise 27; Northwood University (Fla.) 24; Taylor University (Ind.) 22; Holy Names University (Calif.) 19; Southwestern College (Kan.) 18; Mount Mercy College (Iowa) 13; Warner Pacific College (Ore.) 11; Mount Marty College (S.D.) 5; University of Northwestern Ohio 5; Bluefield College (Va.) 4; Saint Ambrose University (Iowa) 3; Dickinson State University (N.D.) 1; Mount Vernon Nazarene University (Ohio) 1; Indiana University Southeast 1; Milligan College (Tenn.) 1; Saint Thomas University (Fla.) 1; Florida Memorial University 1; California State University-Maritime 1; Eastern Oregon University 1.



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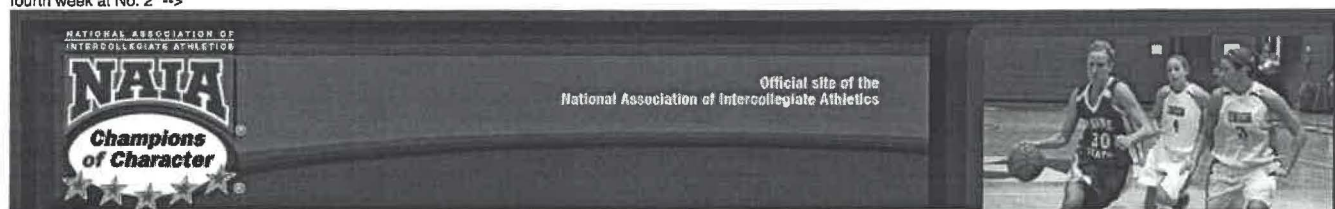


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Top-Five Teams Shift in NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll

Great Plains Athletic Conference lands three teams among top five

Jan. 25, 2010

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - No. 1 Davenport (Mich.) and No. 2 Hastings (Neb.) held steady as the nation's top-two teams, but the rest of the top five and 12 other teams shuffled rank in the sixth edition of NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll, the NAIA announced Monday. Davenport captured 14 first-place votes and Hastings was awarded two first-place nods to spend a fourth consecutive week ranked first and second. Cedarville (Ohio) moves to third, followed by No. 4 Briar Cliff (Iowa) and No. 5 Northwestern (Iowa).

Three teams exchange rank this week, with the appearance of No. 20 Walsh (Ohio), No. 23 Huntington (Ind.) and No. 25 Milligan (Tenn.). The trio replaces Bethel (Ind.), Dickinson State (N.D.) and Mount Marty (S.D.). All three teams are making their first appearance among the Top 25 after receiving votes in five of six previous polls this season and in the preseason poll.

With Mount Marty dropping out of the Top 25, the Great Plains Athletic Conference is now represented by four schools: Hastings, Briar Cliff, Northwestern and No. 13 Morningside (Iowa). The Mid-Central College Conference also boasts four ranked squads: No. 7 Indiana Wesleyan, No. 14 Saint Francis (Ind.) Huntington and No. 24 Marian (Ind.).

Davenport (21-1, 7-0 WHAC) won by an average of 43 points in a pair of Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference games last week to continue its 21-game winning streak. The nation's top-scoring offense (90.7) set the school record for points scored in a game with a 120-87 victory over Indiana Tech on Jan. 23. It was the sixth time this season that the Lady Panthers have eclipsed the century mark. Davenport has just one game scheduled this week, traveling to Cornerstone (Mich.) on Wednesday.

Second-ranked Hastings has won 16-straight games, including an 83-61 win over Nebraska Wesleyan last week in GPAC action. Armed with a 20-2 overall record and a perfect 10-0 mark in the league, the Broncos are at the top of the conference standings. Hastings currently leads the country in precision from 3-point land, connecting on 42.8 percent of its shots. This week the Broncos will play host to Midland Lutheran (Neb.) on Wednesday, followed by a collision with No. 13 Morningside (Iowa) on Saturday.

Cedarville improves one spot from last week to No. 3 following a pair of American Midwest Conference road wins. The Lady Jackets cruised past Mount Vernon Nazarene (Ohio), 69-58, and Roberts Wesleyan (N.Y.), 76-64, to improve to 8-1 in the league. Cedarville is still in second place in the standings behind 9-1 Walsh (Ohio). The Lady Jackets will look to extend their nine-game winning streak on Saturday by traveling to Point Park (Pa.).

Briar Cliff moves into the top five at No. 4 for the first time this season after upending then-No. 3 Northwestern (Iowa) 85-75 on Jan. 20. The Chargers were led by Liz Grider's 40-point performance. Briar Cliff followed up with its sixth-straight win with a 77-52 thumping of Concordia (Neb.) to boost its record to 19-3, 8-2 GPAC. Two conference games are slated this week with Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.) at home on Wednesday, followed by a trip to Nebraska Wesleyan on Saturday.

After suffering a 10-point loss to then-No. 7 Briar Cliff on Jan. 20, Northwestern (18-3, 9-2) falls two spots this week to No. 5. It was the third defeat of the season for the Red Raiders, with two of those losses coming in GPAC play. The Red Raiders were able to rebound from the loss by toppling Midland Lutheran (Neb.) 90-74 on Jan. 23. With a 9-2 league record, Northwestern is in second place in the conference race. A Saturday meeting with Dordt (Iowa) is the lone contest on the schedule this week.

The poll was voted upon by a panel of head coaches representing each of the conferences. The next poll will be announced on Feb. 1.



Hastings (Neb.) is spending its fourth week at No. 2

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| 1 | 1 | Davenport University (Mich.) (14) | 21-1 | 435 |
| 2 | 2 | Hastings College (Neb.) (2) | 20-2 | 423 |
| 3 | 4 | Cedarville University (Ohio) | 17-3 | 393 |
| 4 | 7 | Briar Cliff University (Iowa) | 19-3 | 389 |
| 5 | 3 | Northwestern College (Iowa) | 18-3 | 384 |
| 6 | 6 | Jamestown College (N.D.) | 16-4 | 370 |
| 7 | 4 | Indiana Wesleyan University | 19-4 | 362 |
| 8 | 8 | Shawnee State University (Ohio) | 14-4 | 336 |
| 9 | 9 | College of the Ozarks (Mo.) | 15-4 | 325 |
| 10 | 13 | Black Hills State University (S.D.) | 15-5 | 313 |
| 11 | 14 | Sterling College (Kan.) | 16-3 | 288 |
| 12 | 10 | Minot State University (N.D.) | 15-5 | 282 |
| 13 | 18 | Morningside College (Iowa) | 14-8 | 250 |
| 14 | 21 | University of Saint Francis (Ind.) | 13-9 | 235 |
| 15 | 23 | Iowa Wesleyan College | 14-7 | 230 |
| 16 | 16 | Aquinas College (Mich.) | 15-6 | 206 |
| 17 | 11 | Saint Ambrose University (Iowa) | 18-4 | 200 |
| 18 | 20 | College of Idaho | 13-5 | 181 |
| 19 | 22 | Cardinal Stritch University (Wis.) | 19-2 | 178 |
| 20 | RV | Walsh University (Ohio) | 16-5 | 172 |
| 21 | 22 | Kansas Wesleyan University | 15-4 | 169 |
| 22 | 17 | Haskell Indian Nations University (Kan.) | 15-4 | 164 |
| 23 | RV | Huntington University (Ind.) | 14-6 | 149 |

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| 24 | 24 | Marian University (Ind.) | 14-8 | 98 |
| 25 | RV | Milligan College (Tenn.) | 14-8 | 76 |

Others receiving votes: Bethel College (Ind.) 59; Grand View University (Iowa) 54; Concordia University (Neb.) 47; Dickinson State University (N.D.) 40; Southwestern College (Kan.) 28; Northwood University (Fla.) 28; Eastern Oregon University 19; Taylor University (Ind.) 18; Indiana University Southeast 8; University of Northwestern Ohio 4; Cornerstone University (Mich.) 4; Ohio Dominican University 3; Mount Vernon Nazarene University (Ohio) 1; Bluefield College (Va.) 1; Valley City State University (N.D.) 1; University of Virginia's College at Wise 1; University of Sioux Falls (S.D.) 1; Warner Pacific College (Ore.) 1; Florida Memorial University 1; Union College (Ky.) 1.



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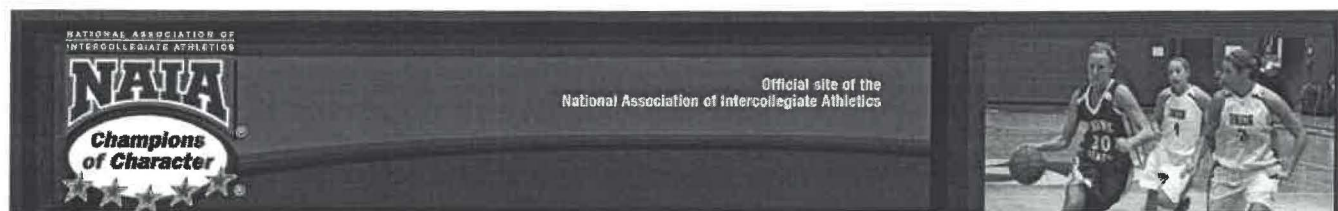
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Davenport Spends Third Week at No. 1 in NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll

Trio of teams move into the Top 25

Jan. 18, 2010

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Davenport (Mich.) maintained its position at No. 1 in the fifth edition of the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll, the NAIA announced Monday. The Lady Panthers captured 13 first-place votes and 404 points to spend its third week at the top-ranked team. Hastings (Neb.) and Northwestern (Iowa) held steady at second and third, respectively, while Indiana Wesleyan jumped to No. 4 and Cedarville (Ohio) moved to No. 5.

Second-ranked Hastings also earned a pair of first-place nods in the poll to spend its third straight week at No. 2 and its sixth week this season ranked among the top five. Indiana Wesleyan moves back among the top five to No. 4 to match its highest ranking of the season. The Wildcats were previously ranked fourth in the second poll of the season on Dec. 7.

The Great Plains Athletic Conference continues to lead all leagues with five ranked teams: Hastings, Northwestern, No. 7 Briar Cliff (Iowa), No. 12 Mount Marty (S.D.) and No. 18 Morningside (Iowa). The Mid-Central Collegiate Conference boasts four ranked teams in No. 4 Indiana Wesleyan, No. 15 Bethel (Ind.), No. 21 Saint Francis (Ind.) and No. 24 Marian (Ind.). Four teams are also represented by the Dakota Athletic Conference in No. 6 Jamestown (N.D.), No. 10 Minot State (N.D.) No. 13 Black Hills State (S.D.) and No. 25 Dickinson State (N.D.).

No. 21 Saint Francis, No. 23 Iowa Wesleyan and No. 25 Dickinson State are the new additions to the poll, replacing previously ranked No. 23 Taylor (Ind.), No. 21 Grand View (Iowa) and No. 25 Bryan (Tenn.).

After spending last week at No. 14, Marian dropped 10 spots to No. 24 as this week's biggest mover. The fall in the poll comes after suffering a 55-40 road loss to Indiana Wesleyan on Jan. 13.

The poll was voted upon by a panel of head coaches representing each of the conferences. The next poll will be announced on Jan. 25.



Davenport (Mich.) earned 13 first-place votes to spend its third week at No. 1

| RANK | LAST WEEK | SCHOOL (1ST PLACE VOTES) | RECORD | TOTAL POINTS |
|------|-----------|--|--------|--------------|
| 1 | 1 | Davenport University (Mich.) (13) | 19-1 | 404 |
| 2 | 2 | Hastings College (Neb.) (2) | 19-2 | 393 |
| 3 | 3 | Northwestern College (Iowa) | 17-2 | 379 |
| 4 | 6 | Indiana Wesleyan University | 18-3 | 364 |
| 5 | 8 | Cedarville University (Ohio) | 15-3 | 344 |
| 6 | 5 | Jamestown College (N.D.) | 15-4 | 342 |
| 7 | 10 | Briar Cliff University (Iowa) | 17-3 | 334 |
| 8 | 4 | Shawnee State University (Ohio) | 12-4 | 307 |
| 9 | 11 | College of the Ozarks (Mo.) | 12-4 | 291 |
| 10 | 9 | Minot State University (N.D.) | 14-4 | 283 |
| 11 | 12 | Saint Ambrose University (Iowa) | 17-3 | 282 |
| 12 | 7 | Mount Marty College (S.D.) | 14-5 | 275 |
| 13 | 13 | Black Hills State University (S.D.) | 13-5 | 248 |
| 14 | 15 | Sterling College (Kan.) | 14-3 | 237 |
| 15 | 18 | Bethel College (Ind.) | 15-5 | 221 |
| 16 | 17 | Aquinas College (Mich.) | 14-5 | 207 |
| 17 | 19 | Haskell Indian Nations University (Kan.) | 14-3 | 189 |
| 18 | 16 | Morningside College (Iowa) | 12-8 | 176 |
| 19 | 22 | Cardinal Stritch University (Wis.) | 17-2 | 151 |
| 20 | 20 | College of Idaho | 11-5 | 148 |
| 21 | RV | University of Saint Francis (Ind.) | 11-9 | 129 |
| 22 | 24 | Kansas Wesleyan University | 13-4 | 119 |
| 23 | RV | Iowa Wesleyan College | 13-7 | 108 |
| 24 | 14 | Marian University (Ind.) | 13-7 | 89 |
| 25 | RV | Dickinson State University (N.D.) | 12-6 | 86 |

Others receiving votes: Walsh University (Ohio) 84; Taylor University (Ind.) 50; Milligan College (Tenn.) 49; Eastern Oregon University 47; Grand View University (Iowa) 41; Southwestern College (Kan.) 24; Concordia University (Neb.) 14; Indiana University Southeast 7; Huntington University (Ind.) 6; University of Northwestern Ohio 5; Bluefield College (Va.) 5; Siena Heights University (Mich.) 1; Union College (Ky.) 1; Warner Pacific College (Ore.) 1; Bryan College (Tenn.) 1; Mount Vernon Nazarene University (Ohio) 1; Valley City State University (N.D.) 1.



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Davenport Retains Top Spot in NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll

Top-five teams stay the same as the season shifts to 2010

Jan. 11, 2010

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Davenport (Mich.) maintained its position at No. 1 in the fourth edition of the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll, the NAIA announced Monday. The Lady Panthers captured 14 first-place votes and 435 points. The top-five teams from 2009 stayed put as No. 2 Hastings (Neb.) earned a pair of first-place nods, followed by No. 3 Northwestern (Iowa), No. 4 Shawnee State (Ohio) and No. 5 Jamestown (N.D.).

Eight teams held on to their ranking as they closed out 2009 and a trio of teams broke into the poll to begin 2010. New to the poll this week is No. 14 Marian (Ind.), No. 20 College of Idaho and No. 25 Bryan (Tenn.). College of Idaho was previously receiving votes. Saint Francis (Ind.), Southern Oregon and Concordia (Ore.) fell out of the Top 25.

The Great Plains Athletic Conference continues to lead all leagues with five ranked teams: Hastings, Northwestern, No. 7 Mount Marty (S.D.), No. 10 Briar Cliff (Iowa) and No. 16 Morningside (Iowa). The Mid-Central Collegiate Conference boasts four ranked teams in No. 6 Indiana Wesleyan, Marian (Ind.), No. 18 Bethel (Ind.) and No. 23 Taylor (Ind.).

Davenport (17-1, 2-0 WHAC) is the second team of the season to occupy the No. 1 spot for two consecutive weeks. The Panthers are averaging nearly 90 points a game at 88.5 ppg and are defeating opponents by a margin 23.2 ppg. Head coach Mark Young's team is coming off a pair of Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference wins, defeating Concordia (Mich.) 82-63 and Michigan-Dearborn 76-47. On the docket this week for Davenport is WHAC opponents Madonna (Mich.) and Siena Heights (Mich.).

No. 2 Hastings (423 points) sports a 17-2 mark overall and a spotless 7-0 record against the staggering competition of the GPAC. The Broncos have already toppled ranked league foes Mount Marty and Briar Cliff, but await their dates with Morningside (Jan. 30) and Northwestern (Feb. 13). The nation's top-ranked team from behind the arc at 43 percent is coming off of a 72-51 dismantling of Mount Marty on Sunday. Hastings will continue in GPAC action with a home matchup against Dana (Neb.) on Wednesday, followed by a Saturday meeting at Dordt (Iowa).

Ranked third with 408 points, Northwestern has rattled off seven straight wins since a Dec. 9 loss to then-No. 18 Morningside to improve to 15-2, 6-1 GPAC. The Red Raiders enter this week's action, a pair of league road games at Sioux Falls (S.D.) and Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.), after an 86-51 win over Nebraska Wesleyan on Jan. 9. Northwestern ranks third in points per game at 85.8, winning by over 20 points per contest and limiting opponents to 36 percent from the field.

Hailing from the American Midwest Conference, fourth-ranked Shawnee State was awarded 391 points to hold steady at No. 4 for a second-straight week. The Bears improved to 11-2, 3-0 AMC record after handing Houghton (N.Y.) an 85-67 setback on Jan. 5. Shawnee State is at the top of the charts nationally, shooting 83.5 percent from the charity stripe and is also ranked sixth from beyond the arc, connecting on 3's at 38.2 percent. The Bears, who average 78.46 ppg, are set to take on Wilberforce (Ohio), Notre Dame (Ohio) and Walsh (Ohio) this week.

Jamestown (N.D.) earned 382 points to come in at No. 5 to earn its second straight top-five rating of the season. The Jimmies took down then-No. 6 Black Hills State (S.D.) 67-63 on Jan. 9 to take control of the Dakota Athletic Conference with a 15-3, 4-0 record. A single game this week is scheduled for Jamestown, a Thursday road game at Valley City State (N.D.) in league action.

The poll was voted upon by a panel of head coaches representing each of the conferences. The next poll will be announced on Jan. 18.



Northwestern spends a second week at No. 3

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| 1 | 1 | Davenport University (Mich.) (14) | 17-1 | 435 |
| 2 | 2 | Hastings College (Neb.) (2) | 17-2 | 423 |
| 3 | 3 | Northwestern College (Iowa) | 15-2 | 408 |
| 4 | 4 | Shawnee State University (Ohio) | 11-2 | 391 |
| 5 | 5 | Jamestown College (N.D.) | 15-3 | 382 |
| 6 | 8 | Indiana Wesleyan University | 16-3 | 359 |
| 7 | 7 | Mount Marty College (S.D.) | 14-3 | 353 |
| 8 | 11 | Cedarville University (Ohio) | 13-3 | 336 |
| 9 | 13 | Minot State University (N.D.) | 13-3 | 331 |
| 10 | 15 | Briar Cliff University (Iowa) | 15-3 | 299 |
| 11 | 12 | College of the Ozarks (Mo.) | 10-4 | 276 |
| 12 | 14 | Saint Ambrose University (Iowa) | 16-3 | 273 |
| 13 | 6 | Black Hills State University (S.D.) | 11-5 | 267 |
| 14 | NR | Marian University (Ind.) | 12-6 | 226 |
| 15 | 25 | Sterling College (Kan.) | 12-3 | 224 |
| 16 | 18 | Morningside College (Iowa) | 11-7 | 219 |
| 17 | 17 | Aquinas College (Mich.) | 12-5 | 212 |
| 18 | 15 | Bethel College (Ind.) | 14-5 | 193 |
| 19 | 18 | Haskell Indian Nations University (Kan.) | 12-3 | 192 |
| 20 | RV | College of Idaho | 10-4 | 186 |
| 21 | 20 | Grand View University (Iowa) | 14-5 | 169 |
| 22 | 22 | Cardinal Stritch University (Wis.) | 16-2 | 160 |
| 23 | 10 | Taylor University (Ind.) | 11-5 | 132 |
| 24 | 21 | Kansas Wesleyan University | 11-4 | 91 |
| 25 | NR | Bryan College (Tenn.) | 13-4 | 76 |



Others receiving votes: Eastern Oregon University 60; Dickinson State University (N.D.) 54; Siena Heights University (Mich.) 42; Walsh University (Ohio) 38; University of Saint Francis (Ind.) 38; Iowa Wesleyan College 37; Southwestern College (Kan.) 16; University of Northwestern Ohio 8; Huntington University (Ind.) 6; University of Sioux Falls (S.D.) 5; Bluefield College (Va.) 4; Florida Memorial University 4; Mount Vernon Nazarene University (Ohio) 1; Northwest University (Wash.) 1; Indiana University Southeast 1; Milligan College (Tenn.) 1; Northwood University (Fla.) 1; Holy Names University (Calif.) 1.

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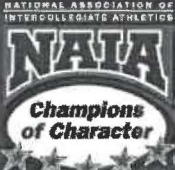
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DII Women's Basketball

Davenport Takes Over at No. 1 in NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll

Lady Panthers become third No. 1 team in four polls issued this season

Dec. 14, 2009

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Davenport (Mich.) became the third team to own the top ranking in the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll, the NAIA announced Monday. The Lady Panthers move to No. 1 with 11 first-place votes and 402 points. Hastings (Neb.) earned four first-place votes and moved to No. 2, followed by No. 3 Northwestern (Iowa), No. 4 Shawnee State (Ohio) and No. 5 Jamestown (N.D.).

Only five teams were able to maintain their ranking from a week ago, while 18 other teams juggled position and a pair of clubs joined the ranks of the Top 25. New this week are No. 21 Kansas Wesleyan and No. 25 Sterling (Kan.), who both represent the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference. The two KCAC teams replace Concordia (Neb.) and Southwestern (Kan.).

The Great Plains Athletic Conference continues to lead all leagues with five ranked teams: Hastings, Northwestern, No. 7 Mount Marty (S.D.), No. 15 Briar Cliff (Iowa) and No. 18 Morningside (Iowa). The Mid-Central Collegiate Conference boasts four ranked teams in No. 8 Indiana Wesleyan, No. 10 Taylor (Ind.), No. 15 Bethel (Ind.) and No. 23 Saint Francis (Ind.).

Davenport (11-1) picked up a pair of wins over Top-25 teams while playing in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference/Mid-Central Collegiate Conference Challenge over the weekend. The Lady Panthers notched a seven-point victory over then-No. 4 Indiana Wesleyan, and followed with a 90-76 dismantling of then-No. 14 Bethel (Ind.). Sophomore Abby Neff established a new career high against Bethel with 20 points. Head coach Mark Young's team will next take to the court on Wednesday against Kalamazoo College.


Jumping up one spot from last week, Hastings (13-2, 5-0 GPAC) moves from No. 3 to 2 with four first-place votes and 395 points. Head coach Jeff Dittman's Broncos toppled conference foe No. 15 Briar Cliff 91-81 on Dec. 12. Senior Lindsay Ducey ended with a double-double against the Chargers, scoring 28 points and pulling down 15 rebounds. Up next for Hastings is a Dec. 19 date at Bethel (Kan.).

Northwestern was upset by No. 18 Morningside on Dec. 9 and as a result fell from No. 1 to 3, earning 369 points in the poll. The Red Raiders had a career high 28-point performance from Kami Kuhlmann, but it was not enough as the Mustangs won 81-75. The loss was the first league defeat for the Red Raiders. Earl Woudstra's team rebounded against conference foe Concordia (Neb.), winning 77-64, to improve to 9-2, 5-1 GPAC.

Shawnee State continues to climb in the poll and is only one-point back from Northwestern with 368 points. Playing in the Union College (Ky.) Lady Bulldog Baymont Inn Classic over the weekend, the Bears recorded a pair of victories to move to 8-1, 2-0 American Midwest Conference. Head coach Robin Hagen-Smith's squad cruised to a 66-40 win over Berea (Ky.) and followed by defeating Southern Virginia 67-32. On the docket this week for Shawnee State are road contests on Tuesday and Friday at Rio Grande (Ohio) and Campbellsville (Ky.), respectively.

Jamestown moves into the No. 5 spot with 360 points after spending the preseason and first two polls at No. 6. Behind the guidance of sixth-year head coach Mark Wiest, the Jimmies are 12-2, 2-0 Dakota Athletic Conference. Jamestown faced only one opponent last week in the University of Minnesota-Morris and rolled to a 79-45 victory. The Jimmies are off until Dec. 21 when they will take on St. Cloud State (Minn.) in exhibition.

The poll was voted upon by a panel of head coaches representing each of the conferences. The next poll will be announced on Jan. 11.



Davenport takes over at No. 1 in the third edition of the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll

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| 1 | 2 | Davenport University (Mich.) (11) | 11-1 | 402 |
| 2 | 3 | Hastings College (Neb.) (4) | 13-2 | 395 |
| 3 | 1 | Northwestern College (Iowa) | 9-2 | 369 |
| 4 | 5 | Shawnee State University (Ohio) | 8-1 | 368 |
| 5 | 6 | Jamestown College (N.D.) | 12-2 | 360 |
| 6 | 7 | Black Hills State University (S.D.) | 10-2 | 327 |
| 7 | 8 | Mount Marty College (S.D.) | 11-1 | 326 |
| 8 | 4 | Indiana Wesleyan University | 10-2 | 322 |
| 9 | 11 | Southern Oregon University | 11-1 | 290 |
| 10 | 10 | Taylor University (Ind.) | 8-2 | 278 |
| 11 | 12 | Cedarville University (Ohio) | 7-2 | 271 |
| 12 | 9 | College of the Ozarks (Mo.) | 9-3 | 261 |
| 13 | 13 | Minot State University (N.D.) | 9-2 | 252 |
| 14 | 16 | Saint Ambrose University (Iowa) | 10-1 | 227 |
| 15 | 14 | Bethel College (Ind.) | 11-4 | 220 |
| 15 | 15 | Briar Cliff University (Iowa) | 9-2 | 220 |
| 17 | 16 | Aquinas College (Mich.) | 8-3 | 212 |
| 18 | 18 | Morningside College (Iowa) | 9-6 | 186 |
| 19 | 21 | Haskell Indian Nations University (Kan.) | 12-3 | 159 |
| 20 | 20 | Grand View University (Iowa) | 10-5 | 144 |
| 21 | RV | Kansas Wesleyan University | 9-2 | 139 |
| 22 | 24 | Cardinal Stritch University (Wis.) | 11-2 | 125 |
| 23 | 24 | University of Saint Francis (Ind.) | 5-4 | 121 |
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Others receiving votes: Concordia University (Neb.) 65; Mount Vernon Nazarene University (Ohio) 57; Milligan College (Tenn.) 52; Huntington University (Ind.) 42; College of Idaho 19; Southwestern College (Kan.) 17; Dickinson State University (N.D.) 16; Walsh University (Ohio) 14; Union College (Ky.) 8; Florida Memorial University 6; Siena Heights University (Mich.) 5; Holy Names University (Calif.) 3; Northwood University (Fla.) 1; Madonna University (Mich.) 1.



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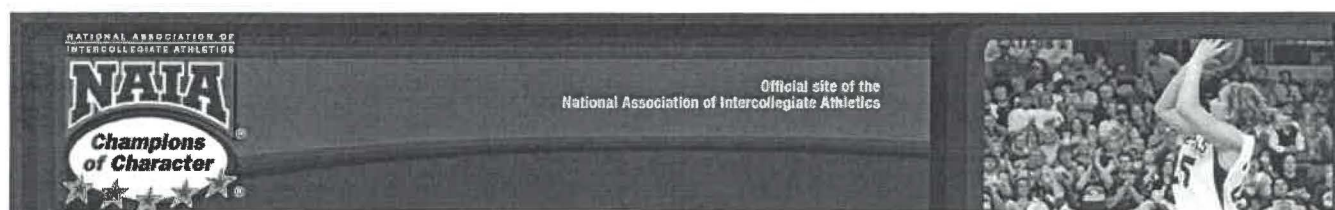
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DII Women's Basketball

Northwestern Spends Second Week at No. 1 in NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll

Great Plains Athletic Conference boasts six nationally-ranked teams

Dec. 7, 2009

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Northwestern (Iowa) captured 13 first-place votes to retain its No. 1 ranking in the second edition of the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll, the NAIA announced Monday. The Red Raiders earned 434 points. Davenport (Mich.) and Hastings (Neb.) remain at second and third, respectively, with 411 and 404 points. Indiana Wesleyan bumped up one spot to No. 4 and received three first-place votes for 395 points and Shawnee State (Ohio) moved down to fifth with 387 points.

The Great Plains Athletic Conference has six teams represented in this week's poll, led by the top-ranked Red Raiders, Hastings, No. 8 Mount Marty (S.D.), No. 15 Briar Cliff (Iowa), No. 18 Morningside (Iowa) and this week's newcomer No. 25 Concordia (Neb.). Four teams are ranked out of the Mid-Central Collegiate Conference with No. 4 Indiana Wesleyan, No. 10 Taylor (Ind.), No. 14 Bethel (Ind.) and No. 24 Saint Francis (Ind.).

Northwestern registered a pair of GPAC wins last week, downing Dordt (Iowa) 66-55 and Dana 102-49, to move to 8-1, 4-0 GPAC. Head coach Earl Woudstra's Red Raiders, who have won seven straight dating back to Nov. 6, will travel to Sioux City, Iowa, for a Wednesday night contest at No. 18 Morningside.

Second-ranked Davenport (8-1) notched its eighth-straight victory on Saturday, defeating NAIA Division I Robert Morris (Ill.) 91-74. The Lady Panthers also handled Purdue-Calumet (Ind.) 113-71 on Dec. 2. During Davenport's current win-streak, the Lady Panthers have scored at least 85 points in seven-straight games. On the docket this week for head coach Mark Young's team is a Tuesday night game at Concordia (Mich.), followed by the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference/Mid-Central Collegiate Conference Challenge. The Lady Panthers are set to have a Friday night showdown with fourth-ranked Indiana Wesleyan.

Hastings improved to 11-2, 3-0 GPAC last week, playing one non-conference and one conference opponent. The Broncos first dismantled Midland Lutheran (Neb.) 77-50 on Dec. 2, and followed with an 89-68 win against York (Neb.) on the road. Head coach Jeff Dittman will lead his team into a pair of games this week against nationally-ranked conference foes. First for the Broncos will be a Wednesday matchup against No. 25 Concordia and then travel to No. 15 Briar Cliff on Saturday.

After spending last week at No. 5, Indiana Wesleyan received three first-place votes and moved up one spot to No. 4. Last week the Wildcats were awarded a pair of first-place nods. Head coach Steve Brooks has guided his team to a 10-0, 2-0 MCCC record to start the season. Taking on then-No. 11 Bethel (Ind.) last week, Indiana Wesleyan picked up the 71-62 victory to push its league record to 2-0 and followed with a 13-point win over NAIA Division I opponent Holy Cross College, 76-63. This weekend in the WHAC/MCCC challenge, the Wildcats will square off against No. 2 Davenport.

Shawnee State drops one spot this week, from No. 4 to 5. The Bears etched out a 94-87 win over Mount Vernon Nazarene (Ohio) on Dec. 1, to open American Midwest Conference play. In the win, all five of Shawnee State's starters finished the game with double-figure points. Head coach Robin Hagen-Smith's squad followed with a 12-point win against Northwestern Ohio. This weekend Shawnee State will head to Kentucky to take on Berea and Southern Virginia at the Union College Classic.

The poll was voted upon by a panel of head coaches representing each of the conferences. The next poll will be announced on Dec. 14.



Second-ranked Davenport is off to an 8-1 start

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| 1 | 1 | Northwestern College (Iowa) (13) | 8-1 | 434 |
| 2 | 2 | Davenport University (Mich.) | 8-1 | 411 |
| 3 | 3 | Hastings College (Neb.) | 11-2 | 404 |
| 4 | 5 | Indiana Wesleyan University (3) | 10-0 | 395 |
| 5 | 4 | Shawnee State University (Ohio) | 6-1 | 387 |
| 6 | 6 | Jamestown College (N.D.) | 11-2 | 375 |
| 7 | 8 | Black Hills State University (S.D.) | 8-2 | 345 |
| 8 | 9 | Mount Marty College (S.D.) | 10-1 | 338 |
| 9 | 7 | College of the Ozarks (Mo.) | 8-2 | 330 |
| 10 | 17 | Taylor University (Ind.) | 7-2 | 288 |
| 11 | 12 | Southern Oregon University | 9-1 | 277 |
| 12 | 11 | Cedarville University (Ohio) | 7-2 | 275 |
| 13 | 13 | Minot State University (N.D.) | 8-2 | 267 |
| 14 | 11 | Bethel College (Ind.) | 9-3 | 246 |
| 15 | 21 | Briar Cliff University (Iowa) | 8-1 | 224 |
| 16 | 22 | Saint Ambrose University (Iowa) | 7-1 | 220 |
| 16 | 13 | Aquinas College (Mich.) | 7-2 | 220 |
| 18 | 15 | Morningside College (Iowa) | 8-5 | 199 |
| 19 | 20 | Southwestern College (Kan.) | 7-2 | 192 |
| 20 | 16 | Grand View University (Iowa) | 10-4 | 154 |
| 21 | 18 | Haskell Indian Nations University (Kan.) | 11-3 | 153 |
| 22 | 19 | Concordia University (Ore.) | 6-3 | 144 |
| 23 | 24 | Cardinal Stritch University (Wis.) | 10-1 | 127 |
| 24 | 23 | University of Saint Francis (Ind.) | 5-3 | 114 |
| 25 | RV | Concordia University (Neb.) | 9-2 | 69 |

Others receiving votes: Kansas Wesleyan University 62; Milligan College (Tenn.) 58; Dickinson State University (N.D.) 52; Mount Vernon Nazarene University (Ohio) 45; Walsh University (Ohio) 37; Huntington University (Ind.) 23; College of Idaho 17; Sterling College (Kan.) 14; Union College (Ky.) 10; Indiana University Southeast 9; Holy Names University (Calif.) 6; Florida Memorial University 5; Madonna University (Mich.) 1; Northwood University (Fla.) 1; Bryan College (Tenn.) 1; University of Northwestern Ohio 1.



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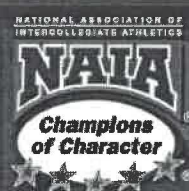
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DII Women's Basketball

Northwestern (Iowa) No. 1 in First Regular Season Poll

The GPAC has five teams ranked in the Top 25

Nov. 30, 2009

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Northwestern College (Iowa) takes over as the No. 1 team in the country in the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll. The Red Raiders received 10 first place votes and 400 total points to claim the top spot. The top-five is rounded out by No. 2 Davenport University (Mich.), No. 3 Hastings College (Neb.), No. 4 Shawnee State University (Ohio) and No. 5 Indiana Wesleyan University.

The Great Plains Athletic Conference boasts five nationally-ranked teams, including two of the top three in Northwestern and Hastings. No. 9 Mount Marty (S.D.) jumps into the poll after being previously un-ranked in the preseason poll. Preseason No. 1 Morningside (Iowa) drops all the way to No. 15 after starting the season 7-4. Morningside had spent the previous 13 polls as the nation's top-ranked team. No. 21 Briar Cliff (Iowa) also joins the Top 25 this week after not receiving votes in the preseason.

The Mid-Central College Conference has four nationally ranked schools Indiana Wesleyan, No. 11 Bethel (Ind.), No. 17 Taylor (Ind.) and No. 23 Saint Francis (Ind.). The Dakota Athletic Conference is also represented by four schools: No. 6 Jamestown (N.D.), No. 8 Black Hills State (S.D.), No. 13 Minot State (N.D.) and No. 25 Dickinson State (N.D.).

The poll was voted upon by a panel of head coaches representing each of the conferences. The next regular-season poll will be announced on Dec. 7.

| RANK | LAST POLL ^A | SCHOOL (1 ST PLACE VOTES) | 2009-10 RECORD | TOTAL POINTS |
|------|------------------------|--|----------------|--------------|
| 1 | 2 | Northwestern College (Iowa) (10) | 6-1 | 400 |
| 2 | 3 | Davenport University (Mich.) (2) | 6-1 | 372 |
| 3 | 4 | Hastings College (Neb.) | 9-2 | 369 |
| 4 | 5 | Shawnee State University (Ohio) | 4-1 | 364 |
| 5 | 14 | Indiana Wesleyan University (2) | 8-0 | 357 |
| 6 | 6 | Jamestown College (N.D.) | 8-2 | 346 |
| 7 | 7 | College of the Ozarks (Mo.) | 7-1 | 334 |
| 8 | 9 | Black Hills State University (S.D.) | 7-2 | 303 |
| 9 | NR | Mount Marty College (S.D.) | 8-1 | 290 |
| 10 | 11 | Cedarville University (Ohio) | 4-1 | 285 |
| 11 | 8 | Bethel College (Ind.) | 8-2 | 280 |
| 12 | 18 | Southern Oregon University (1) | 8-0 | 268 |
| 13 | RV | Minot State University (N.D.) | 7-1 | 230 |
| 13 | 17 | Aquinas College (Mich.) | 7-1 | 230 |
| 15 | 1 | Morningside College (Iowa) | 7-4 | 223 |
| 16 | RV | Grand View University (Iowa) | 9-3 | 202 |
| 17 | 22 | Taylor University (Ind.) | 5-2 | 200 |
| 18 | 25 | Haskell Indian Nations University (Kan.) | 11-2 | 177 |
| 19 | 21 | Concordia University (Ore.) | 5-2 | 164 |
| 20 | 19 | Southwestern College (Kan.) | 4-2 | 151 |
| 21 | NR | Briar Cliff University (Iowa) | 6-1 | 125 |
| 22 | 20 | Saint Ambrose University (Iowa) | 5-1 | 117 |
| 23 | 16 | University of Saint Francis (Ind.) | 3-3 | 92 |
| 24 | 24 | Cardinal Stritch University (Wis.) | 7-1 | 88 |
| 25 | 10 | Dickinson State University (N.D.) | 5-4 | 85 |



Becca Hurley - Northwestern (Iowa)

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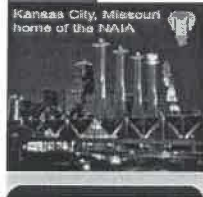
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Others receiving votes: Kansas Wesleyan University 68; Concordia University (Neb.) 63; Milligan College (Tenn.) 57; Walsh University (Ohio) 33; College of Idaho 30; Huntington University (Ind.) 22; Mount Vernon Nazarene University (Ohio) 21; Union College (Ky.) 20; Florida Memorial University 15; Indiana University Southeast 15; Valley City State University (N.D.) 7; Sterling College (Kan.) 5; William Penn University (Iowa) 3; Indiana University Northwest 1; Madonna University (Mich.) 1; Northwood University (Fla.) 1; Cincinnati Christian University (Ohio) 1



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DII Women's Basketball

Morningside Tabbed as No. 1 in NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Preseason Poll

Three of last year's semifinalists land among the top five

Oct. 26, 2009

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Coming off a national title in 2009, Morningside College (Iowa) has been tabbed as the No. 1 team in the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Preseason Poll, the NAIA announced Monday. The Mustangs tallied 15 first-place votes to earn 436 points. Fellow Great Plains Athletic Conference foe, Northwestern College (Iowa) is No. 2, followed by No. 3 Davenport University (Mich.), No. 4 Hastings College (Neb.) and No. 5 Shawnee State University (Ohio).

The GPAC boasts five nationally-ranked teams, including three of the top five in Morningside, Northwestern, Hastings, No. 15 Sioux Falls (S.D.) and No. 22 Concordia (Neb.). The Mid-Central Collegiate Conference has four ranked teams: No. 8 Bethel (Ind.), No. 14 Indiana Wesleyan, No. 16 Saint Francis (Ind.) and No. 23 Taylor (Ind.).

Morningside has spent the past 13 polls as the nation's top-ranked team, dating back to the 2008-09 preseason poll. Heading into the 2009-10 season, the Mustangs bring back three starters from last year's undefeated national championship team and All-GPAC performers Laura Nelson (second team), Brittany Williamson, (second team) and Leslie Foral (honorable mention). Morningside must replace All-American guard and 2009 NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Player of the Year Dani Gass and All-American guard Autumn Bartel.

After a semifinal appearance, Northwestern lands as No. 2 in the preseason poll with 413 points. The Red Raiders were forced to rebuild during the 2008-09 season after losing five seniors off of 2008's national championship team. Last season Northwestern opened at No. 14 in the preseason poll and finished at No. 6 with a 26-8 record. Aiming even higher in 2009-10, the Red Raiders return eight of their top-10 players and their top-five scorers from last year, including junior guard and First Team All-American Becca Hurley.

Davenport earned 409 points and one first-place vote to come in at No. 3. The Panthers advanced to the quarterfinals of the national tournament in 2009, falling to Northwestern 76-66. Davenport returns all five starters from a year ago after a 31-3 campaign. Leading the Panther charge will be First Team All-American Kallie Benike. The junior guard was also named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Year as a sophomore. Also returning for Davenport are All-WHAC honorees Kristi Boehm (second team), Carrie Grubius (third team) and Brittany Lyman (third team).

Last season's national runner-up behind the guidance of first-year head coach Jeff Dittman, Hastings enters 2009-10 ranked fourth with 369 points. The Broncos return all but two key players from a 27-8 squad and bring three starters back to the court. Among those back in 2009-10 are two-time All-American Lindsay Ducey and All-Tournament pick Kim Faimon. Hastings entered the national tournament ranked No. 18 after starting out as No. 2 in the preseason poll.

Shawnee State rounds out the top-five teams with 381 points. After closing out 2008-09 ranked second, the Bears were only able to advance to the second round of the national tournament before losing to Hastings, 77-69 in overtime. The loss was the only one of the season for Shawnee State, closing out the season with a 31-1 mark. First Team All-American Midwest Conference selection and Third Team All-American Mallory Albers will look to lead the Bears back to the national tournament in 2009-10. Along with Albers, fellow senior and Third Team All-AMC pick Allison Meyer and All-AMC Freshmen member Bianca Barton will need to fill the holes left by the graduation of three players.

The poll was voted upon by a panel of head coaches representing each of the conferences. The first regular-season poll will be announced on Nov. 30.



Morningside enters the 2009-10 season ranked No. 1 after capturing its third national title last year

| RANK | LAST POLL ^A | SCHOOL (1 ST PLACE VOTES) | 2008-09 RECORD | TOTAL POINTS |
|------|------------------------|--|----------------|--------------|
| 1 | 1 | Morningside College (Iowa) (15) | 38-0 | 436 |
| 2 | 6 | Northwestern College (Iowa) | 26-9 | 413 |
| 3 | 4 | Davenport University (Mich.) (1) | 31-3 | 409 |
| 4 | 18 | Hastings College (Neb.) | 27-8 | 384 |
| 5 | 2 | Shawnee State University (Ohio) | 31-1 | 381 |
| 6 | 21 | Jamestown College (N.D.) | 20-10 | 368 |
| 7 | 3 | College of the Ozarks (Mo.) | 29-6 | 337 |
| 8 | 16 | Bethel College (Ind.) | 23-9 | 323 |
| 9 | 11 | Black Hills State University (S.D.) | 26-8 | 312 |
| 10 | 5 | Dickinson State University (N.D.) | 26-7 | 308 |
| 11 | 17 | Cedarville University (Ohio) | 21-9 | 294 |
| 12 | 15 | College of Idaho | 29-5 | 290 |
| 13 | 12 | Sterling College (Kan.) | 27-6 | 278 |
| 14 | 19 | Indiana Wesleyan University | 24-10 | 233 |
| 15 | RV | University of Sioux Falls (S.D.) | 18-13 | 227 |
| 16 | NR | University of Saint Francis (Ind.) | 15-16 | 216 |
| 17 | RV | Aquinas College (Mich.) | 19-11 | 215 |
| 18 | 23 | Southern Oregon University | 29-7 | 213 |
| 19 | RV | Southwestern College (Kan.) | 18-10 | 197 |
| 20 | NR | Saint Ambrose University (Iowa) | 20-11 | 142 |
| 21 | 10 | Concordia University (Ore.) | 29-4 | 141 |
| 22 | 8 | Concordia University (Neb.) | 26-9 | 121 |
| 23 | 25 | Taylor University (Ind.) | 21-12 | 115 |
| 24 | 24 | Cardinal Stritch University (Wis.) | 20-11 | 84 |
| 25 | RV | Haskell Indian Nations University (Kan.) | 16-9 | 77 |



Others receiving votes: Holy Names University (Calif.) 71; Huntington University (Ind.) 61; Valley City State University (N.D.) 59; Mount Mercy College (Iowa) 54; Milligan College (Tenn.) 42; Walsh University (Ohio) 35; Mount Marty College (S.D.) 25; Florida Memorial University 19; Menlo College (Calif.) 14; Indiana University Southeast 13; Madonna University (Mich.) 13; Union College (Ky.) 11; Daemen College (N.Y.) 4; Grand View University (Iowa) 1; Friends University (Kan.) 1; Saint Thomas University (Fla.) 1; Minot State University (N.D.) 1; Cornerstone University (Mich.) 1; Mount Vernon Nazarene University (Ohio) 1; Northwood University (Fla.) 1; Philander Smith College (Ark.) 1.

^ Last poll was on March 4, 2009

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